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MEMORANDUM MINUTES OF THE
PROCEEDINGS OF THE COMMISSION OF FINE ARTS
WASHINGTON, D. C.

15 March 1960

The Commission met, pursuant to notice, at 2:00 PM, with David E. Finley, Chairman, presiding.

Present were: David E. Finley, Chairman
Douglas W. Orr
Ralph Walker
Felix W. de Weldon
Peter Hurd
L.R.Wilson, Secretary
Susan E. Bennett, Adm. Asst.
Gilbert E. Halasz, Stenotypist

I. ADMINISTRATION:

1. The date of the next meeting was confirmed for the afternoon of 19 April and the morning of 20 April 1960, with the sessions starting at 2:00 pm and 9:30 am, respectively.

2. The Minutes of the February meeting were approved.

II. SUBMISSIONS:

1. National Society of Interior Designers

Mr. Michael Greer, President, National Society of Interior Designers, Inc. discussed the Society's plans to donate furnishings for the decoration of the Diplomatic Reception Room of the White House. The plans will be subject to the approval of the White House and the Commission of Fine Arts. It was estimated that the entire refurnishing of the room will be completed this year, possibly as early as June. The members of the Commission expressed their willingness to assist Mr. Greer and the Society of Interior Designers in any way possible, and gave him suggestions on the phrasing of a letter announcing the plans to the Society's members. Mr. Greer statedthat some items had already been given and that he expected to have some samples and photos ready to present at the April meeting.

EXHIBIT A

2. Department of Commerce, Bureau of Public Roads
Woodrow Wilson Bridge, Full Size Model of Memorial Plaque

The sculptor, Mr. Paul Jennewein, and Mr. Deuterman of the Bureau of Public Roads, presented the photograph of the full size model of the memorial plaque to Woodrow Wilson, which will be placed on the

south tower of the Woodrow Wilson Memorial Bridge. The plaque was six feet in diameter and showed the head in profile. There will be two plaques, one on each eastern and western face of the tower.

Mr. Jennewein reported that he had shown the design to Mrs. Woodrow Wilson and that she had been pleased with the likeness of the late President.

There was some discussion of the fact that some of the members of the Commission would have preferred the plaque to be carved in stone or cast in bronze. However, it was finally decided that the use of aluminum, as proposed by the sculptor, would be satisfactory, and the design of the full-sized model was approved as presented in the photograph.

The members of the Commission assured Mr. Deuterman that they would be glad to assist in any problems arising in the placement of the plaques on the tower of the bridge. The Secretary was instructed to prepare a letter for the Chairman's signature to the Bureau of Public Roads, confirming the action taken by the Commission. EXHIBIT B

3. Government of the District of Columbia, Engineer Commissioner Zoning Regulations Pertaining to Roof Structures

The members of the Commission met with Lt Colonel H.O.Webb, Jr., Assistant Engineer Commissioners, and Mr. R.O. Clouser, Planning Officer, Office of the Zoning Commission, to discuss the proposed amendments to the zoning regulations which would regulate the appearance of roof structures in the District of Columbia.

The members of the Commission agreed that adoption of these amendments would aid in preventing the unsightly silhouettes that existed on many buildings in Washington and they hoped that the provisions would be adopted and made a part of the zoning code of the District of Columbia. They noted that the local chapter of the American Institute of Architects was also considering these proposed amendments, and might have some constructive changes to suggest. The Secretary was instructed to prepare a letter for the Chairman's Signature, to the Engineer Commissioner, copy to be made a part of the record of the proceedings. EXHIBIT C

4. District of Columbia Armory Board
Revised Elevations for D. C. Stadium

The members of the Commission discussed the plans for the D.C. Stadium, copies of which had been previously forwarded to them for study at the request of Mr. George F. Shea, Chairman of the District of Columbia Armory Board. They felt that the revised drawings had lost much of the dignity and simplicity that had been shown in the small sketches previously submitted and hoped that the Armory Board would be receptive to suggestions for revisions in the design. They were agreed that they could not approve

the design presented.

Further action was withheld until the meeting on the following day, at which time the subject was to be discussed with the representatives of the District of Columbia Armory Board.

5. Government of the District of Columbia
   a. Department of Highways and Traffic

The members of the Commission studied drawings for the segment of the west leg of the Inner Loop which extended from M Street to Massachusetts Avenue, N.W. They noted that the plan under consideration was a revision of a previous route projected through this area to run south of the Francis School property, which lay immediately south of Rock Creek Park. They noted that this would destroy for recreational purposes an area of park land widely used by the people of Washington. It was agreed that approval could not be given to these plans. The matter was to be discussed further on the following day with representatives of the Department of Highways and Traffic.

   b. Department of Sanitary Engineering
      Theodore Roosevelt Sewage Pumping Station

The members of the Commission considered sketch plans and elevations for the treatment of the exterior walls of the pumping station that will be required in the area at the eastern approach to the Theodore Roosevelt Bridge, between the east bound and west bound traffic lanes.

The members considered that the least possible architectural expression of this utility should be made; as most of the installation will be underground and unexposed, and they felt that a simple stone wall, similar in color and texture to the bridge abutments, would be the most satisfactory way to carry out this project. The Secretary was instructed to prepare a letter for the Chairman's signature, to the Department of Sanitary Engineering, a copy of which is being made a part of the record of the proceedings.

EXHIBIT D

6. General Services Administration
   a. Public Buildings Service
      (1) Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation Building, 17th Street Between New York Avenue and F Street, N.W.

The members considered the revised designs for the proposed Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation Building on 17th Street between New York Avenue and F Street, N.W. They were disappointed in the size andtreatment shown in the revised designs and expressed the opinion that the building extended over too much of the site; also that it lacked the dignity possessed by other headquarters of quasi-governmental agencies, appearing more like a commercial office building. The use of exposed

columns, like stilts on the open part of the ground floor added to the commercial expression of the design. The members were also surprised at the choice of this site for the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation Building, without consulting the National Capital Planning Commission and the Commission of Fine Arts, since this site seemed a logical one for the expansion of governmental offices closely connected with the Executive Office of the President. Further action was withheld until the meeting on the following day when the sponsors and the designers of the building were scheduled to discuss the plans with the Commission.

(2) Labor Department Building, 6th and C Streets, N.W.

The members of the Commission reviewed the previous submissions of designs for the penthouse atop the proposed Labor Department Building at 6th and C Streets, N.W. It was agreed that the rounded treatment of the ends of the penthouse structure was an acceptable solution. Final action was withheld until the meeting with the sponsors and designers on the following day.

(3) Temporary Building Program

The Chairman read a draft of a letter he had prepared to be forwarded to Mr. Stans, Director of the Bureau of the Budget, and Mr. Floete, Administrator, General Services Administration, expressing the Commission's regret that the program for demolishing temporary buildings in Washington seemed to be greatly behind schedule, and requesting advice as to the status of the program. They also re-stressed the hope that these buildings could soon be demolished, thus clearing for public use the park lands in the District of Columbia on which they stand, and opening the vista between the Washington Monument and the Lincoln Memorial. The members of the Commission agreed unanimously with the views of the Chairman and requested him to forward the letters immediately. EXHIBIT E

b. Armory Group

The members of the Commission of Fine Arts reviewed sketches for proposed changesto the front terrace of the Georgetown Post Office, to provide more adequate access to the Custom's House. The Armory Group, General Services Administration, had presented the proposed changes to the Board of Architectural Consultants for Georgetown, who disapproved the scheme and made certain recommendations, but desired that the problem be referred to the Commission for information and advice. The members agreed that the sketches submitted would destroy the appearance of the terrace, and expressed hope that a solution could be found which would not require changing the appearance of the terrace, and felt the Board's recommendations for restudy should be confirmed. The Secretary was directed to prepare a letter for the signature of the Chairman, informing Mr. Swenson, Chief of the Armory Group of the views of the Commission and

expressing the willingness of the Commission to continue to work with his assistants on a solution to this problem. This letter was to be made a part of the record of the proceedings. EXHIBIT F

c. State Department Sculpture - Trip to Detroit by Mr. de Weldon

The sculptor member of the Commission, Mr. de Weldon, told the members that he had gone on March 10, with State Department and General Services Administration officials, to the studio of Marshall Fredericks at Royal Oak, Michigan, to inspect the full-size clay model of the heroic-size figure which is being designed for the fountain in the south court of the new State Department Annex.

Mr. de Weldon stated that Mr. Fredericks had completed the model in a very satisfactory manner, and it was his opinion that the figure would be an impressive addition to the new building. The Commission authorized Mr. de Weldon to make this inspection trip at the meeting of the Commission on February 16, 1960. On Mr. de Weldon's recommendation, Mr. Fredericks sculpture was approved.

The Secretary was instructed to prepare a letter for the Chairman's signature to Mr. Hunter, Assistant Commissioner for Design and Construction, Public Buildings Service, informing him of this action, a copy of which was to be made a part of the permanent record of the proceedings. EXHIBIT G

7. American Battle Monuments Commission
Neuville Cemetery - Treatment of Chapel Wall

The members of the Commission reviewed the original drawings of the chapel which showed military insignia carved in high relief in the stone of the wall. This treatment was abandoned and replaced by a free-standing figure of a youth on a pedestal. At its meeting on July 17, 1959, the members of the Commission decided that, although the figure itself, was well designed by a competent sculptor, it seemed too refined in character for the position against the chapel wall, and they recommended that it be placed in this or in some other cemetery in surroundings that were more suitable for its character.

The present submission showed a large urn on a pedestal, with an inscription above it, carved into the wall of the chapel. The members of the Commission considered that the design of the urn was also unsuitable, and felt that they could not approve it. Further action was withheld until the meeting on the following day when the members were scheduled to confer with General North and Colonel Walker of the American Battle Monuments Commission.

8. Franklin D. Roosevelt Memorial Commission
Draft Program of Franklin D. Roosevelt Memorial Competition

The members of the Commission discussed the proposed text for the program for the Franklin Delano Roosevelt Memorial Competition, which had been referred to them for comment.

Two suggestions for changes in the text were made during their discussion. First, in regard to judging the second stage of the competition, the members felt that a new jury should be appointed for this work; and second, that the last line of paragraph 3, page 13, referring to staffs of schools of architecture should be deleted.

A letter was to be prepared, informing the Franklin D. Roosevelt Memorial Commission of these suggestions, and assuring them that no member of the Commission had any intention of entering the competition.

EXHIBIT H

9. National Capital Downtown Committee, Inc.
Invitation to Attend Luncheon March 31, 1960

The Chairman read to the members a letter from the National Capital Downtown Committee, Inc., inviting him to attend a meeting and a luncheon on March 31. The purpose of the meeting was to acquaint the staff members with the various organizations whose interest lay in developing a plan for the rejuvenation of Downtown Washington, D. C.

The Chairman stated that he would be unable to attend this meeting, since he expected to be out of town on March 31, and asked whether any of the members would be able to go in his place. Accordingly, the Chairman wrote a letter regretting his inability to attend. EXHIBIT I

III. SHIPSTEAD-LUCE ACT

Building Applications Submitted Under the Shipstead-Luce Act, Since 16 February 1960 (Report dated 15 March 1960)

The Secretary reported the actions taken, after recommendations of the Shipstead-Luce Panel of Architects, on the Shipstead-Luce Building Applications forwarded for review by the D. C. Department of Licenses and Inspections since 16 February 1960. This report was dated 15 March 1960, and comprised Appendix 1 of the order of business. After discussion, the favorable actions, as noted in Appendix 1, were confirmed by the members, and action was taken on the following cases which had been held for review by the Commission:

S.L. 2251 - 1317 E Street, N.W., National Pipe and Tobacco Shop
Stainless Steel and Plastic Sign
S.L. 2253 - 1450 New YorkAvenue, N.W., Willard Hotel
Two Illuminated Signs
S.L. 2255 - 101 Independence Avenue, S.E., Drug Fair
Two signs

S.L. 2256 - 2317 Calvert Street, N.W. Old Budapest Restaurant
Two neon signs
S.L. 2257 - 507 and 511 14th Street, N.W., Bassins Restaurant
New Showwindow
S.L. 2259 - 2125 E Street, N.W., Peoples Drug Store
Illuminated Sign

The Secretary was directed to include action, as noted thereon, for the above cases and to forward a copy of Appendix 1 officially, to the Secretary of the District of Columbia Commissioners for record. EXHIBIT J

IV OLD GEORGETOWN ACT

a. Building Applications Submitted Under the Old-Georgetown Act Since 16 February 1960

The Secretary reported the actions taken on the Old Georgetown Act applications forwarded for review by the D. C. Department of Licenses and Inspections since 16 February 1960. This report was dated 15 March 1960 and comprises Appendix 2 of the order of business. After discussion, the favorable actions, as noted in Appendix 2, were confirmed by the members and action was taken on the following cases, which had been referred by the Old-Georgetown Panel to the Commission for review.

O.G. 2536 - 1046 Wisconsin Avenue - Raze 3-story frame and brick residence.
O.G. 2537 - 3125 M Street, N.W. - Cordon Bleu Restaurant - Blue Canvas Awning

The Secretary was directed to include action, as noted thereon, for the above cases and to forward a copy of Appendix 2 officially, to the Secretary of the District of Columbia Commissioners for record. EXHIBIT K

V LEGISLATION

1. S.J.Res. 155 - Mr. Javits/86th Congress - 28 January 1960 - Authorizing the establishment in the District of Columbia of a memorial to Albert Einstein.

The Chairman read to the members the report which had been forwarded to the Bureau of the Budget for approval on 1 March 1960. The report recommended favorable action on the proposed bill and stated that the Commission would be glad to render assistance on the site and design of the proposed memorial. EXHIBIT L

2. S. 3128 - Mr. Murray/86th Congress - 1 March 1960 - To designate as national historic sites Lafayette Square and certain buildings in the vicinity thereof, in the city of Washington, D. C., and for other purposes.

A draft for a report on the legislation was read and subscribed to in general by the members. The Chairman stated that the issues were more complex than they appeared to be and he desired to make further study of the implications inherent in approval of the bill. Action on this legislation was accordingly held for abeyance until after the April meeting of the Commission.

3. Draft Legislation - To aid in the development of a unified and integrated system of transportation for the National Capital region; to create a temporary National Capital Transportation Agency; to authorize creation of a National Capital Transportation Corporation; to authorize negotiation to create an inter-state transportation agency; and for other purposes.

The Chairman reviewed the status of the current movement for better transportation facilities for the National Capital Region. In December 1959, a letter had been written by the Commission to the Bureau of the Budget, urging that priority be given to plans for a rapid transit system and recommending that safeguards be incorporated in the legislation to refer appropriate matters to the Commission of Fine Arts. The present draft bill grew out of this movement, and the Executive Branch has indicated willingness to make available funds to help defray the costs of rapid transit.

The members agreed that this legislation was in line with the Commission's views and that the creation of the Agencies proposed in the legislation would be necessary to administer the transit system. They further agreed that the Chairman should write a letter to this effect if required to report on this legislation before the next meeting.

The Commission recessed at 6:00 P.M., to reconvene the next morning at 9:30 A.M.

L. R. Wilson
Secretary

Meeting of the Commission of Fine Arts
15 March 1960
2:00 P.M.
ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. CONVENE, ROOM 7000, INTERIOR DEPARTMENT BUILDING

2. DATE OF NEXT MEETING: ~~17~~ 10 April 1960

Executive Session: ~~18~~ 20 April 1960

3. Minutes of 16/17 February - Distribution

4. SUBMISSIONS:

2:15 PM a. ✓ National Society of Interior Designers

Diplomatic Reception Room of the White House (Conference with Mr. Michael Greer, Pres., NSID)

3:00 PM b. ✓ Department of Commerce, Bureau of Public Roads

Woodrow Wilson Bridge - Full Size Model of Memorial Plaque (Conference with Sculptor, Mr. Paul Jennewein) app.

3:30 PM c. ✓ D.C. Government, Engineer Commissioner

Zoning Regulations Pertaining to Roof Structures (Conference with Lt Col H.O. Webb, Jr., Assistant Engineer Commissioner and Mr. R.C. Clouser, Planning Officer, Office of Zoning Commission)

d. ✓ D. C. Armory Board

Revised Elevations for D. C. Stadium letter

e. ✓ D. C. Government

(1) Department of Highways and Traffic

✓ Inner Loop Freeway, West Leg - Francis School and P Street Beach letter

(2) Department of Sanitary Engineering

✓ Theodore Roosevelt Sewage Pumping Station

f. General Services Administration

(1) Public Buildings Service

(a) Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation Building, 17th Street Between New York Avenue and F Street

(b) Labor Department Building, 6th and C Streets, N.W.

(2) Armory Group:

Georgetown Post Office (Customs House) - Alterations

(3) STATE DEPT. SCULPTURE - TRIP TO DETROIT (MR. McWELDON)

g. American Battle Monuments Commission

Neuville Cemetery - Treatment of Chapel Wall

h. Franklin D. Roosevelt Memorial Commission

Draft Program of Franklin D. Roosevelt Memorial Competition

i. National Capital Downtown Committee, Inc.

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5. SHIPSTEAD-LUCE ACT:

Report of Actions Taken on Shipstead-Luce Act Applications Since 16 February 1960 (Report dated 15 March 1960 - Appendix 1)

6. OLD GEORGETOWN ACT:

a. Report of Actions Taken on Old Georgetown Act Applications Since 16 February 1960 (Report dated 15 March 1960 - Appendix 2)

b. Preliminary Old Georgetown Submission -("Georgetown Inn" Hotel proposed at Wisconsin Avenue and N Street, N.W.)

7. LEGISLATION

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b. S. 3128 - Mr. Murray/86th Congress - 1 March 1960 - To designate as national historic sites Lafayette Square and certain buildings in the vicinity thereof, in the city of Washington, D.C. and for other purposes. (Report requested)

c. Draft Legislation - To aid in the development of a unified and integrated system of transportation for the National Capital region; to create a temporary National Capital Transportation Agency; to authorize creation of a National Capital Transportation Corporation; to authorize negotiation to create an inter-state transportation agency; and for other purposes. (Status)

21 March 1960

Dear Mr. Creer:

I have your letter of March 16th enclosing a draft of the letter which you intend to send to the members of the National Society of Interior Designers, Inc., to inform them of your plans to decorate the Diplomatic Reception Room in the White House.

I have made a few suggestions and have also read the draft to Mr. West, Chief Usher at the White House, who approved the amended draft which I enclose.

Sincerely yours,

David M. Finley
Chairman

Mr. Michael Creer
President
National Society of Interior Designers, Inc.
30 East 57th Street
New York 22, New York

Enclosure

24 March 1960

Dear Mr. Erickson:

At its meeting on March 15, the Commission of Fine Arts considered the design of the memorial plaque to Woodrow Wilson, which will be placed on the towers of the Woodrow Wilson Memorial Bridge. The plaque will be ~~twenty~~ Six feet in diameter and shows the head in profile.

The sculptor, Mr. Paul Jennewein, reported that he had shown the design to Mrs. Woodrow Wilson and that she had been pleased with the likeness of the late President. It was further decided, at this time, that the use of aluminum would be satisfactory, although some of the members of the Commission would have preferred that the plaque be carved in stone or cast in bronze. The design of the full-sized model was approved as presented by the sculptor.

If further problems arise on the placement of the plaque, please let us know.

For the Commission of Fine Arts:

Sincerely yours,

David E. Finley
Chairman

Mr. E. L. Erickson
Chief, Bridge Division
Office of Engineering
Bureau of Public Roads
United States Department of
Commerce
Washington 25, D. C.

EXHIBIT B

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24 March 1960

Dear General Welling:

At their meeting on March 15, 1960, the members of the Commission of Fine Arts conferred with Colonel Webb and Mr. Clouser, regarding the draft for amendments to the zoning regulations which would regulate the appearance of the roof structures.

The members of the Commission believe that adoption of these amendments will aid in preventing the unsightly silhouettes that now exist on many buildings, and they hope that the provisions will be adopted and made part of the zoning code of the District of Columbia.

We understand, however, the the local chapter of the American Institute of Architects is also considering these amendments, and may have some constructive changes to suggest.

For the Commission of Fine Arts:

Sincerely yours,

David E. Finley
Chairman

Brigadier General A.C.Welling
Engineer Commissioner for the
District of Columbia
District Building
Washington 4, D. C.

EXHIBIT C

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2 March 1960

Dear General Melling:

At their meeting on March 17, the members of the Commission of Fine Arts considered sketch plans and elevations for the treatment of the exterior walls of the pumping station that is required in the area at the western approach to the Theodore Roosevelt Bridge, between the east bound and west bound traffic lanes.

The members considered that the least possible expression of this utility should be made, and they felt that a simple stone wall, of stone like the bridge abutments, would be the most satisfactory way to carry out this project.

We will be glad to confer with you on later developments of this plan when more detailed drawings have been prepared.

For the Commission of Fine Arts:

Sincerely yours,

David E. Finley
Chairman

Brigadier General A. C. Melling
Engineer Commissioner for the District
of Columbia
District Building
Washington 4, D. C.

EXHIBIT 2

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March 27, 1958

I read in a news release dated March 4, 1958, from the General Services Administration, that a contract for professional services has been made to prepare plans and specifications for the renovation of the first floor of Wing 4 in the Munitions Building on Constitution Avenue. The release stated that the estimated cost of the renovation will be $360,000.

The Commission of Fine Arts realizes that a building such as this, which was erected as a temporary structure in World War I, undoubtedly now requires a large amount of money for upkeep and repair, and that such expenditure may be necessary until a permanent building is provided for the use of agencies now occupying this building. The Commission is concerned, however, as to whether the expenditure of such a large sum indicates an intention to prolong the use of this building beyond 1962, when it was scheduled for demolition in accordance with the "Construction Program Federal Buildings, Washington, D. C. and vicinity, 1956-1966" as issued by the General Services Administration in August 1956. The Commission has assumed that this Construction Program is still in effect, with its provision that "all the downtown temps are scheduled to go by 1962, thereby restoring about 125 acres of park land..."

The members of the Commission of Fine Arts, at their recent meeting on March 18th, asked me to inquire whether there has been any change in the Administration's policy to demolish, as rapidly as possible, the temporary buildings erected during World Wars I and II. If the 1956 program has been delayed or abandoned, owing to cancellation of the land lease program, the Commission strongly urges that a new schedule be made for this highly important work.

The Commission of Fine Arts has long advocated the removal of temporary war time buildings. At a meeting of the Commission on March 19, 1943, the following resolution was adopted:

> "Removal of temporary war buildings. It was recommended that the temporary war buildings (including dormitories) be removed from park areas in the District of Columbia, in accordance with the agreement with the Secretary of the Interior that they be removed one year after Peace is declared; also that the temporary Navy and Munitions Buildings of World War I be removed, as ordered by President Roosevelt."

Enclosure B

24 March 1960

Dear Mr. Swenson:

At their meeting on March 15, the members of the Commission of Fine Arts reviewed the sketches which Mr. Ship had presented to the Board of Architectural Consultants for Georgetown, in regard to changes to the front terrace of the Georgetown Post Office, to provide more adequate access to the Custom's House.

The members agreed that the sketches submitted would destroy the appearance of the terrace, and expressed hope that a solution could be found which would not require changing the appearance of the terrace.

We will be glad to continue to work with you on this matter.

For the Commission of Fine Arts:

Sincerely yours,

David E. Finley
Chairman

Mr. Roy L. Swenson
Assistant Chief, Building
Maintenance Division
South Area
Region Three
General Services Administration
Washington 25, D. C.

EXHIBIT F

24 March 1960

Dear Mr. Hunter:

At the meeting of the Commission of Fine Arts on March 15, the sculptor member of the Commission, Mr. de Weldon, told the members that he had gone on March 10, with State Department and General Services Administration officials, to the studio of Mr. Marshall Fredericks at Royal Oak, Michigan, to inspect the full-size clay model of the heroic-size figure which is being designed for the fountain in the south court of the new State Department Annex.

Mr. de Weldon stated that Mr. Fredericks had completed the model in a very satisfactory manner, and it was his opinion that the figure would be an impressive addition to the new building. It was decided to make this inspection trip at the meeting of the Commission on February 16, 1960.

It is hoped that photographs of the model can be furnished for the members to see and for the record.

For the Commission of Fine Arts:

Sincerely yours,

David E. Finley
Chairman

Mr. Leonard L. Hunter
Assistant Commissioner for
Design and Construction
Public Buildings Service
General Services Administration
Washington 25, D. C.

EXHIBIT G

EXHIBIT C

21 March 1960

Dear Mr. Bacon:

As I wrote you on March 9th, I discussed the proposed text for the program for the Franklin Delano Roosevelt Memorial Competition with the members of the Commission when they were here attending the meeting of the Commission on March 16th.

Two suggestions for changes in the text were made during our discussion: First, in regard to judging the second stage of the competition, the members felt that a new jury should be appointed for this work; and second, that the last line of paragraph 3, page 13, referring to staffs of schools of architecture should be deleted.

In forwarding these suggestions for consideration, I wish to assure you that no member of the Commission has any intention of entering the competition.

For the Commission of Fine Arts:

Sincerely yours,

David E. Finley,
Chairman

REPORT OF ACTIONS TAKEN ON SHIPSTEAD-LUCE ACT APPLICATIONS SINCE 2/16/60 — 3/15/60

NO	ADDRESS AND OWNER	PROJECT	ACTION
2247	8221 East Beach Dr., NW Duane K. Gooselaw	New 2-story, masonry & frame, dwelling	App'd., 3/10/60
2250	1101 Penna. Ave., NW Nebel & Barrow	Alter newspaper plant for Hotel use.	App'd. as presented in drawings dtd. 1/11/60, except for treatment of west wall exposed by removal of 2 upper flrs. of adjacent 4-story bldg. as shown on Sheet 26. Recom. elimination of stucco, & suggest treatment of wall in brick similar to wall above. Resubmission of this elevation is desired, 2/25/60
2251	1317 E St., NW Nat'l. Pipe & Tobacco Shop	1 s-f, 25 sq-ft, stainless steel & plastic sign (no text; picture of pipe only)	Disap'd. Sign should be limited to business identification only, using back-lighted metal letters, and omitting insignia, 3/15/60
2252	1401 Pa. Ave., NW Willard Hotel	2 illuminated signs: (1) s-f sign, 6-2/3 sq-ft; at Pa. Ave., entr; (2) Lantern/Sign, 3-faced, at corner of 14th & Pa. Ave.	App'd., 2/26/60
2253	1450 N. Y. Ave., NW Interstate Bldg. & Loan Assn.	Install 2 Time & Temperature Signs. 1 sign on N. Y. Ave. side; 1 sign on 15th St. side. 58 sq-ft each.	Disap'd. This type of sign not appropriate for this location, adjacent to important governmental buildings and parks, 3/15/60
2254	1401 Pa. Ave., NW Willard Hotel	Remove exist. steel canopy & sides; remove exist. revolv. wood door & trim & replace with aluminum door & trim (14th st. entrance)	App'd., 3/10/60
2255	101 Indep. Ave., SE Drug Fair	2 s-f signs: 1 on Indep. Ave. side; 1 on 1st St. side. 48 sq-ft each. Molded plexiglas ltrs. over light source. Green ltrs.	Disap'd. Recom. signs composed of back-lighted metal ltrs., fixed flat against wall. Text of signs should be limited to business identification only, without insignia, & not exceeding 25 sq-ft each, 3/15/60

APPENDIX 1

NO	ADDRESS AND OWNER	PROJECT	ACTION
2256	2317 Calvert St., NW Old Budapest Restaurant	2 s-f, 24 sq-ft each, neon signs, white ltrs., black background.	Disap'd. Recom. sign composed of back-lighted metal ltrs, fixed flat against wall, centered under 2nd-story window, below belt course. (NOTE: Placement of 2nd sign not shown, but same design conditions apply.), 3/15/60
2257	507 & 511 14th St., NW Bassins Restaurant	New showwindow at 511-14th St., NW. Aluminum paneling, walnut color, on exterior of 507 & 511 14th St., NW	Disap'd. Recom. restudy, confining proposed alterations to 1st floor of bldg., & omitting proposed projecting showwindows, & aluminum siding, 3/15/60
2258	5826 Oregon Ave., NW Dr & Mrs L. L. Nin	Rev. of SL 2244 to use white shingles on roof, & add chimney on rear. Construct driveway.	No objection to white roof, or to chimney on rear, in this instance, 3/10/60
2259	2125 E St., NW Peoples Drug Store	1 s-f, 33-1/3 sq-ft illuminated sign, green ltrs.	Disap'd. Recom. vertical ltrs. not exceeding 14" in height, with total area of sign not exceeding 25 sq-ft, 3/15/60

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NO	ADDRESS AND OWNER	PROJECT	ACTION
2533	2619 P St., NW Russ Pharmacy	1 d-f, neon sign, 19½ sq-ft each face, to be repainted only. Black background, white ltrs. Red neon tubing exist.	No objection to repainting sign background in colors indicated, 2/29/60
2534	1212-30th St., NW Mrs Buchanan Tyson	Replace cast iron steps with brick stairway with stone treadles on front of house. 3'-5" wide stairs to extend 6' beyond bldg. line.	Ret'd. for additional inf. Drawing is identical to drawing ret'd. with unfavorable recommendation under OG 2513. Resubmission should incorporate design features set down in ltr. to applicant's representative, & discussed verbally with the arch. In addn., drawing should show dimensions of steps & iron work & give details of newel posts, etc., 3/8/60
2535	2001 Wisc. Ave. Page Communications Bldg.	1 s-f sign, cast bronze ltrs., 31 sq-ft.	Recom'd. for parts visible from a public highway, provided ltrs. be 10" in height instead of 12", in order to provide a space above & below the ltrs. so that they will not be so close to horizontal stone joints, 2/29/60
2536	1046 Wisc. Ave. Chas. D. Ford	Raze 3-story frame & brick residence; not condemned by D.C; to be razed in entirety.	Ret'd. The CFA has decided that additional information is needed & suggests that applicant meet to discuss razing with members of the Board of Architectural Consultants for Georgetown at their next regular meeting in the Commission's office at 3:30 p.m., on Tuesday, 3/22/60, 3/15/60
2537	3125 M St. Cordon Bleu Restaurant	1 Blue canvas awning, suspended from bldg. with fixed pipe frames; Extends 5' beyond bldg. line.	Not recom'd. Balloon-type awning not suitable for bldg. Recommend standard-type awning fitted neatly into doorway opening, so as not to disrupt architectural treatment; & with not more than 3'-6" projection beyond bldg. line, 3/15/60

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2538	1425-37th St. Georgetown U.	Replace wood stairway with steel.	Recom'd. for parts visible from public highway. Suggest ironwork of steps be painted to match color of brickwork, 2/29/60
2539	1238 Wisc. Ave. Billy Martin's Carriage House	Rev. to OG 2496 to substitute brick chimney for iron stack as recom'd. by CFA in OG 2496. Remove door & respace 3 windows on Wisc. Ave. elevation.	Recom'd., as revised on Sheet #3, dtd. 2/18/60, for parts visible from public highway, 2/29/60
2540	1652-29th St. R.S. Applegate	Remove porch; erect new landing & steps with railing; 2 lamps; entr. door. Replace wood lintel on lst. fl., left window with keystone to match window on right.	Recom'd., provided Yorktown pediment on door frame be replaced with straight pediment, & that grilles in railing be replaced with straight balusters, also that horizontal muntin be omitted from small basement window, leaving 3 lights, 3/8/60
2541	R-1325 Wisc. Ave. Jos. M. Wise	Raze 2 2-story brick garages on rear of lot	No arch'l. or historical characteristics are discernible in 2 garage structures which would preclude issuing a permit to raze them, 3/8/60
2542	1225 Wisc. Ave. Tivoli Restau.	Install storm door (wood material)	Recom'd., provided that bottoms of all glass panels in new work are in line with showwindow sills, & that conditions as specified in Article 406-20 of the D.C. Bldg. Code are complied with, 3/8/60
2543	3245 N St. Georgetown Constr. Co.	Rev. to OG 2530 to incorporate chgs. as recommended in OG 2530 (Shorten windows).	Recom'd., as revised, for parts visible from a public highway, 2/29/60

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NO	ADDRESS AND OWNER	PROJECT	ACTION
2544	3213 Q St., NW Calvary Gospel Church	Raze 3-story brick church; not condemned by D. C. To be razed in entirety.	No arch'l. or historical characteristics are discernible in this structure & additions at rear which would preclude issuing a permit to raze them, 3/8/60
2545	1224-30th St. Mr & Mrs Gordon Gray	Erect new addn. to playrm. & alterations to bath house & playrm. Cut openings in exterior walls for new doors & new ventilating fans.	Application withdrawn at request of applicant per Mr. J. P. Green, Chief, Permit Branch, D. C. Gov't. by telephone request of 3/7/60
2546	3240 S St. Mr & Mrs John W. Warner	Erect 2-story brick dwelling; brick fence varies from 2' to 6'; 2 entr. steps (9' wide) to extend 1'-6" beyond bldg. line. Construct driveway from curb to basement garage.	Recom'd. for parts visible from a public highway, 3/8/60

Dear Mr. Chairman:

I am writing in reply to your letter of February 27, 1964, requesting the views of the Commission on H.Con.Res. 574, a joint resolution "authorizing the establishment in the District of Columbia of a memorial to Albert Einstein."

The members of the Commission of Fine Arts have studied the need of Washington, D.C., for such memorial to Einstein and have given favorable action on taken on it at the meetings. The Commission will be glad to render assistance on the site and design of the proposed memorial.

The Bureau of the Budget has advised that it has no objection to the submission of this report.

For the Commission of Fine Arts:

Sincerely yours,

Gerald D. Finley
Chairman

Honorable Thomas J. Dodd, Jr.
Chairman
Committee on Rules and Administration
United States Senate
Washington, D.C.

Enclosure

86TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

S. J. RES. 155

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JANUARY 28 (legislative day, JANUARY 27), 1960

Mr. JAVITS (for himself and Mr. HUMPHREY) introduced the following joint resolution; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Rules and Administration

JOINT RESOLUTION

Authorizing the establishment in the District of Columbia of a memorial to Albert Einstein.

Whereas the contributions of Albert Einstein to the advancement of science and to the progress of Western civilization through the development of the theory of relativity are of incalculable distinction; and

Whereas this Nobel Prize winner was distinguished above all by his personal modesty; and

Whereas many of our citizens wish to establish a lasting memorial in the Nation's Capital and will serve as an inspiration in science to the youth of America who will be the scientists of the future and as an expression to the world of our recognition of Albert Einstein's greatness in science: Now, therefore, be it

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Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That (a) any association or committee organized for such purpose within two years from the date of the enactment of this joint resolution is hereby authorized to place on the public grounds of the United States in the District of Columbia a statue of, or other suitable memorial to, Albert Einstein.

(b) The authority granted by subsection (a) of this section shall cease to exist, unless within five years after the date of the enactment of this joint resolution (1) the erection of the statue or other memorial is begun, and (2) the association or committee certifies to the Secretary of the Interior the amount of funds available for the purpose of the completion of the statue or other memorial and the Secretary determines that such funds are adequate for such purpose.

SEC. 2. (a) The Secretary of the Interior is authorized and directed to select, after consulting with the association or committee referred to in the first section of this joint resolution, an appropriate site upon which may be erected the statue or other memorial authorized in the first section of this joint resolution. The design and plans for such statue or other memorial shall be subject to the approval of the Secretary of the Interior. Such statue or other memorial shall be erected without expense to the United States.

(b) In selecting a site for, and in approving the design and plans of, such statue or other memorial, the Secretary of the Interior shall avail himself of the assistance and advice of the Commission of Fine Arts, and the Commission shall, upon request, render such assistance and advice.

SEC. 3. The maintenance and care of the statue or other memorial erected pursuant to the provisions of this joint resolution shall be the responsibility of the Secretary of the Interior.

SEC. 4. There are hereby authorized to be appropriated such sums as may be necessary to carry out the provisions of this joint resolution.

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MARCH 1 (legislative day, FEBRUARY 15), 1960

Mr. MURRAY (for himself and Mr. MANSFIELD) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs

A BILL

To designate as national historic sites Lafayette Square and certain buildings in the vicinity thereof, in the city of Washington, District of Columbia, and for other purposes.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That Lafayette Square, the buildings known as the Dolly Madison House, located at 1520 H Street Northwest, the Benjamin Taylor House, located at 21 Madison Place Northwest, and the Decatur House, located at the northwest corner of H Street and Jackson Place Northwest, Washington, District of Columbia, are hereby designated national historic sites. Hereafter, so much of the property as may be in Federal ownership shall be administered by the Secretary

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of the Interior, pursuant to the Act of August 25, 1916 (39 Stat. 535), as amended, and in accordance with the purposes of the Act of August 21, 1935 (49 Stat. 666).

SEC. 2. The old Belasco Theater on Lafayette Square shall be transferred to the Department of the Interior, to be administered by the Secretary of the Interior as a municipal art center for the Nation's Capitol. The Secretary of the Interior is authorized and directed to restore the old Belasco Theater to a condition at least equal to its condition at the time it was acquired by the Federal Government. The District of Columbia Recreation Department shall assist the Department of the Interior in the restoration and management of the old Belasco Theater as a municipal art center.

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